and North Carolina's tribute block in the Washington monument came from an area quarry. Today, Danbury is the seat of Stokes County.

Return to the byway by following N.C. 89 West and continue through the Sauratown Mountains and into Surry County. Named for the Saura Indians who once inhabited the area, these mountains are some of the oldest mountains in North America. The byway's eastern end is at McBride Road (S.R. 1742) in the Shelton Town community east of Mount Airy. Mount Airy is the basis for the fictional town of Mayberry in "The Andy Griffith Show," and many tributes to this television classic can be found here.

A sheet granite quarry is located on the northeast side of town. Granite from this quarry was used in the Wright Brothers National Memorial Monument in Kill Devil Hills on the state's Outer Banks. Nearby attractions include Pilot Mountain State Park and the Blue Ridge Parkway. Pilot Mountain is an isolated peak, a quartzite monadnock remnant from the erosion of the Sauratown Mountains. It was once called "Mount Ararat," from which the Ararat River flows. The closest access to the Blue Ridge Parkway is about 15 miles north of Mount Airy in Fancy Gap, Va.



Length: 38 miles Drive Time: One hour Counties: Stokes and Surry

